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The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Identical letters sent to 25 other agency heads

Dear Secretary Evans:

As part of OMB's pursuit of the President's Management Agenda, we have taken an initial inventory of the federal vehicle fleet, and found it merits a closer look. I am writing to request your assistance in gathering additional information and ideas to tighten control in this area.

OMB's preliminary research has turned up some arresting findings. We were intrigued to discover that one Cabinet Department reports more vehicles than employees, and to learn that five agencies appear to have at least one vehicle for every three FTEs. Only two agencies have more than 100 employees per vehicle. The available figures, however, only reflect the status at the end of fiscal 2000, just before this Administration took office.

By the time of your department's budget submission, please report any fleet reductions or other changes that may have occurred since you took office last year. OMB also seeks your ideas on cheaper and different fleet management or leasing arrangements.

Understandably, some departments may require more vehicles than others due to the nature of their work. Contractors' use of federal vehicles may be an important factor. One's first impression from these data, however, is that the numbers seem excessive in many cases and that significant reductions may be in order.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "ME Daniels Jr".

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

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Employment and Motor Vehicle Inventory of Selected Agencies

Fiscal Year 2000 (most recent available vehicle data)

Includes vehicles owned or leased by the agency, or leased from the GSA fleet

	FTE's	Vehicles	People per car
Energy	15,600	16,351	0.95
Agriculture	95,100	40,055	2.4
Interior	67,300	25,022	2.7
Labor	16,300	5,967	2.7
Justice	122,800	41,474	3.0
Corps of Engineers—Civil Works	24,800	6,901	3.6
Defense-military functions	660,300	180,387	3.7
State	27,300	6,058	4.5
Tennessee Valley Authority	13,200	2,838	4.7
General Services Administration	14,000	2,375	5.9
Transportation	63,000	10,336	6.1
Treasury	143,700	22,276	6.5
National Science Foundation	1,200	160	7.5
NASA	18,400	1,397	13.2
Environmental Protection Agency	17,700	1,191	14.9
Health and Human Services	60,500	3,847	15.7
Housing and Urban Development	10,100	455	22.2
Smithsonian Institution	5,000	213	23.5
Veterans Affairs	202,600	7,177	28.2
Small Business Administration	4,300	119	36.1
EEOC	2,900	73	39.7
Office of Personnel Management	2,800	46	60.9
Commerce	113,300	1,648	68.8
Education	4,600	8	575.0
Social Security Administration	62,400	70	891.4